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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS

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1. BAHAMIAN REACTION TO SUBJECT SPEECH WILL PROBABLY HAVE ONLY PERIPHERAL INTEREST IN TERMS OF MOTIVE FOR REFTEL REQUEST SINCE BAHAMAS NEITHER ON SECRETARY'S ITINERARY NOR MUCH CONCERNED WITH US POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, BUT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD.

2. GENERAL REACTION HAS BEEN MINIMAL. LOCAL MEDIA CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF BOTH PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WITHOUT COMMENT. MORNING NEWSPAPER RAN EDITORIAL APRIL 12 STRONGLY CRITICIZING UN, PARTICULARLY SECURITY COUNCIL, FOR FAILURE TO ASSIST REFUGEES, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES EDITORIAL WAS NOT WRITTEN LOCALLY BUT RATHER OBTAINED FROM EDITORIAL SERVICE IN US WHICH PERIODICALLY SUPPLIES MATERIAL FOR USE WHEN LOCAL PAPER HAS NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO RUN ON EDITORIAL PAGE.

3. PUBLIC REACTION IS SIMILARLY SUBDUED AND SEEMS TO BE A MIXTURE OF FATALISM TOWARD WHAT ARE VIEWED AS INEVITABLE EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA PLUS ANGUISH AT HUMAN PLIGHT OF REFUGEES. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE QUERY FROM BAHAMIAN INTERESTED IN ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR VIETNAMESE

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4. WE SIMPLY DO NOT YET HAVE AN EMPIRICAL BASIS FOR JUDGING LONGER TERM IMPACT ON GOCB. ON THE ONE HAND EVENTS IN SEA HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON BAHAMAS. ON THE OTHER HAND, US PRESS, WHICH IS READILY AVAILABLE HERE, IS REplete WITH STORIES OF VARIOUS US ALLIES REVIEWING UTILITY OF US COMMITMENTS. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS TELECAST HERE AND IMPLICATIONS OF ITS CALL FOR CONGRESS NOT TO REJECT AN ALLY COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN MISSED. AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE SEEKING TO RENEGOTIATE BASE RIGHTS, EMPHASIZING AMONG OTHER THINGS THE SECURITY VALUE TO THE BAHAMAS OF OUR PRESENCE HERE, THE SEA OUTCOME CAN HARDLY BE HELPFUL.

5. MY OWN JUDGMENT IS THAT HERE AS ELSEWHERE, US PRESTIGE HAS SUFFERED BUT THE EFFECTS WILL BE HARD TO MEASURE. IN LAST ANALYSES, SO FAR AS GCOB IS CONCERNED I DOUBT THAT IT SEES ANY ALTERNATIVE TO A CONTINUED CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE US.
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